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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: CONCORDE

1. IN DISCUSSION OF OTHER AVIATION ISSUES APR. 6 WITH KEMMIS WHO IS IN CHARGE OF CONCORDE LANDING RIGHTS ISSUES AT DEPT. OF TRADE, HE TOLD US UK NOW GUARDEDLY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT EVENTUAL NY/NJ PORT AUTHORITY (PA) DECISION AFTER APRIL 1 MEETING OF AF AND BA REPS WITH PA IN NEW YORK.

2. KEMMIS SAID ON APR. 1 AF AND BA REPS HAD MADE TECHNICAL PRESENTATION TO PA OFFICIALS EXPLAINING HOW PROPOSED OPERATIONS OF CONCORDE WOULD AVOID USE OF CRITICAL RUNWAY, WITH EXCEPTION OF 1-1/2 OF OPERATIONS DURING YEAR, WOULD KEEP TAKE-OFF WEIGHT OF AIRCRAFT DOWN TO LIMIT NOISE AND WOULD USE SPECIAL INBOUND ROUTING AND LANDING PROCEDURE TO REDUCE DISTURBANCES DURING THAT PHASE OF OPERATIONS. HE SAID THESE PROPOSALS WHICH GAMY PORT AUTHORITY MUCH OF WHAT IT HAD WANTED, SEEMED TO BE WELL RECEIVED BY PA OFFICIALS.

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3. KEMMIS NOTED PORT AUTHORITY SAID IT COULD NOT BE COMMITTED TO MAKE DECISION AT NEXT MEETING. HE SAID UK UNDERSTANDS THAT IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR PA TO DIGEST NEW DATA AND ANNOUNCE DECISION APRIL 14. ALTHOUGH UK CLEARLY HOPES POSITIVE DECISION COULD BE ANNOUNCED THEN, IT SEEMS CLEAR ALSO THAT UK WILLING TO WAIT FOR WHAT IT NOW CONSIDERS IS REASONABLE CHANCE FOR DECISION IN

CONCORDE'S FAVOR.

4. IN REGARD TO MINISTER OF TRADE DELL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON APR. 25-26, KEMMIS SAID DELL IS COMMITTED TO RAISE CONCORDE IN HIS TALKS WITH UNDER SECRETARY COOPER AT THAT TIME TO FIND OUT WHAT MAY HAVE RESULTED FROM SECRETARY VANCE'S UNDERTAKING TO PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN AND PRESIDENT GISCARD THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO ISSUE UPON RETURNING TO WASHINGTON. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF GENERALLY OPTIMISTIC VIEW BRITISH APPARENTLY NOW HAVE, KEMMIS SAID HE IS UNSURE WHAT DELL WOULD SAY IN RAISING ISSUE.

5. ON AF AND BA COURT CASE, KEMMIS SAID JUDGE IS EXPECTED TO SET NEW DATE FOR HEARING (PROBABLY NEAR END OF APRIL) WHEN BA AND AF ATTORNEYS MEET WITH HIM AGAIN APRIL 11.

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